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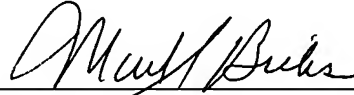
Sir:

In response to the October 31, 2007 Office Action, applicant elects Group I (claims 1-9), with traverse since both sets of claims satisfy the unity of invention requirement applicable to the above-identified application.

The restriction requirement is traversed since the claims, particularly claims 1 and 10 (with claim 10 incorporating the recitations of claim 1), recite, in the form of means-plus-function or step-plus function format, means for preventing bulging of the folds in the junction point area so as to require the corresponding disclosed structure of the retaining projections 23 and 25 projecting radially inwardly on support tube 15. Such projections are not disclosed or rendered obvious by U.S. Patent No. 5,622,624 to Lauer or U.S. Patent No. 4,735,720 to Kersting.

Prompt and favorable action all pending claims is solicited.

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